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SUBJECT:TECHNICAL INSPECTION DAMASCUS

1. PRESENT MODE OF TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION FOR THE NEWLY REOPENED MISSION IN DAMASCUS IS ONE-TIME PAD.

2. OC IS UNDER PRESSURE TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO THAT POST, EITHER HW-28 OFFLINE EQUIPMENT OR KW-7 ONLINE EQUIPMENT. AT THE PRESENT TIME, OC LEANS TOWARD PROVIDING THE HW-28 FOR *AMASCUS, SINCE KW-7 REQUIRES SHIELDED ENCLOSURE.

3 PRIOR TO T* INSTALLATION OF THE HW-28 EQUIPMENT, OC HAS REQUESTED THAT TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICERS PROVIDE A VERY THOROUGH TECHNICAL SECURITY INSPECTION OF THE AREA WHEREIN THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED. BECAUSE OF THE ACOUSTIC VULNERABILITIES OF THE HW-28, THEY FEEL IT IS IMPERATIVE TO INSURE THAT THERE ARE NO CLANDESTINE LISTENING SYSTEMS WITHIN THE NEAR VICINITY OF THE EQUIPMENT.

4. PLEASE PLAN A TECHNICAL SECURITY INSPECTION IN THE COMMUNICATIONS AREA OF DAMASCUS AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. ADVISE SY/T TELEGRAPHICALLY OF YOUR PROPOSED INSPECTION DATES AND THE RESULTS OF THE INSPECTION ONCE COMPLETED. KISSINGER

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